AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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- 1. through 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound of formula (1) is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.
 - 5. through 13. (Canceled)
- 14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said compound of formula (I) is present in said composition in an amount in the range of about 0.01% to about 30% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
 - 15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, a composition comprising a mixture of a photoactive compound, and a compound of formula (I):

$$(R^3)_e$$

$$(R^4)_f$$

$$(R^5)_g$$

$$(R^6)_h$$

wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{30} alkyl, C_1 - C_{30} substituted alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

17. (Original) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation, comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, a compound of formula (I):

$$(R^3)_e$$

$$(R^4)_f$$

$$(R^5)_g$$

$$(R^6)_h$$

wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃₀ alkyl, C₁-C₃₀ substituted alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein R1 and R2 are selected from the group consisting of C1-C30 alkyl groups.

- 19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein R1 is a C16 straight chain alkyl group, and R2 is a 2,2-dimethylpropyl group.
 - 20. through 88. (Canceled)
- 89. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the photoactive compound comprises a dibenzoylmethane derivative.
- 90. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the following formula (II):

$$(R^{6})_{j}$$
 $(CH_{2})_{15}CH_{3}$
 $(CH_{2})_{15}CH_{3}$
 $(CH_{2})_{15}CH_{3}$
 $(R^{9})_{k}$
 $(R^{10})_{j}$

wherein R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{30} alkyl, C_1 - C_{30} substituted alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted

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heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, i, j, k, and l are each in the range of 0 to 4, o and p are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of o plus p is at least 1.

91. (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound of formula (I) is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.